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Excerpt from UTC Aerospace Systems letter, Nov. 1, 2012

"As the UTC Aerospace Systems (formerly Goodrich) facility in Chandler nears its scheduled closure, I thought this the perfect time to express my gratitude for the services of your team, particularly Jerry Carlton. ...I don't know how successful we would have been in assisting our employees without his direction, ideas, encouragement, information-sharing and Education. The HR team in Chandler has recently been recognized for its best practices in our organization for helping our team through this career transition and it's almost wholly because of the on-site, first-hand assistance provided by Jerry."

— S.J. Dawson, SPHR, MBA, Director. Human Resources

FACTS & FIGURES

**Local One-Stops assisted job seekers in nearly
120,000 visits in calendar year 2012!**

**Since July 1, 2012 more than
2,000 individuals entered training
to enhance their competitiveness in the job market!**

NEWS & MEDIA

Temp jobs hint Ariz. is on rebound

Sector considered key indicator; 10,500 positions added in 2012

By Josh Brodesky (12/7/12) *The Arizona Republic* | [azcentral.com](#)

Excerpt: "...It paid \$21 an hour, he said, much less than what he used to make but enough to get by while he searched. As time has gone on without a permanent job, though, his salary expectations have fallen. At first, he wouldn't take a job for less than \$60,000, but now, he might consider a salary of \$45,000. And for temp work, he'll go even lower.

"The least I would like to take is \$20 an hour, but if worst came to worst, I would take a \$15-an-hour production job," he said.

This type of experience is all too common, said Justin Jones, a job developer with Maricopa Workforce Connections. Job seekers often have unreasonable expectations about how quickly they will find work

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PARTNER ITEMS

Job Search help at local libraries

City Update (12/11/12) — The Phoenix Public Library offers resources for residents to improve their job skills and finding a dream job. *A federal grant aided in development of Job Help Hubs at Arizona libraries, including Maricopa County and the City of Phoenix. Learn more about the benefits for job seekers by viewing the program OnDemand.*



Phoenix hosts job fair for veterans By Aaron Granillo (12/13/12) KTAR-FM

Excerpt: "Veterans looking for a job got a little boost on Thursday. Jim Garcia, one of the veterans who attended the event and a former National Guardsman, said the event helped him find employers who are looking for his job skills. "Probably one of the best things I've done is joining the military," he said. "It's definitely given me a job skill. I got my bachelor's degree, it's definitely helped a lot." More than 25 employers set up booths at the event at the Phoenix Convention Center, which was part of the HERO Initiative set forth by Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton to get the Valley's veterans back to work." *Phoenix Workforce Connection partnered with the City and others to offer this event.*



Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton

Bureau of Land Management youth pilot expands in 2013 with a veteran focus



The success of the BLM collaboration between MWC, PWC, Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Student Conservation Assoc., Audubon Arizona and Phoenix College, expands in January with a focus on assisting veterans. The Phoenix College education/training program, called the Conservation and Resource Management Field Certification Program, is a 16-week program is designed for those interested in pursuing educational and professional development in natural resource management, wild land firefighting and other conservation and outdoor-related fields. Participants earn an hourly wage for 40 hours of work

each week and may also earn up to 12 college credits. It is hoped that future

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Veteran's Hiring Initiative and Career Extravaganza — The Veteran's Hiring Initiative and the Career Extravaganza held on December 13, 2012, sponsored by Mayor Greg Stanton and Vice-Mayor Michael Johnson, was a great success. More than 90 companies and agencies participated in the job fair with an estimated 600 job seekers attending throughout the day, including those invited to the Veteran's Hiring Initiative during the morning of the event. Feedback regarding the Extravaganza has been very positive.

Local Workforce Investment Areas engaged in hosting and promoting job fairs and recruiting/hiring events — Please check the link frequently for updates -- [Recruiting Events & Career Opportunities](#)

Contact a director of a local workforce investment area to schedule a tour or discuss workforce issues.

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